

HORTON W. STICKLE.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR
SUBMITTING CLAIM OF LIEUT. HORTON W. STICKLE.

JANUARY 7, 1902.—Referred to the Committee on War Claims and ordered to be
printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, January 6, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of War, of December 21, 1901, and its accompanying papers, relative to the reimbursement of Horton W. Stickle, first lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., for \$125.34, being the value of certain books lost en route from West Point to Manila on the occasion of the grounding of the U. S. transport *Centennial* on the coast of Northern Luzon, P. I., and submitting an estimate of appropriation in said amount for incorporation in the general deficiency bill.

Respectfully,

L. J. GAGE,
Secretary.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, December 21, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the claim and accompanying documents presented by Horton W. Stickle, first lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., for \$125.34, being the value of certain books lost en route from West Point to Manila under shipment by the Quartermaster's Department. These books were the private property of Lieutenant Stickle. Many of them were technical works, reasonable, useful, necessary, and proper for the performance of his military

duties, and are shown to have been lost or destroyed in the military service. The loss appears to have been occasioned by the fact that the U. S. transport *Centennial*, the vessel on which said books were shipped from San Francisco, went aground on the coast of Northern Luzon, P. I., and a large portion of the cargo was thrown overboard in order to lighten the ship. The claim is presented, through military channels, as fulfilling the requirements of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1885 (23 Stat. L., 350). Said act contains the following provision:

This act shall not apply to losses sustained in time of war or hostilities with Indians.

The insurrection in the Philippines against the sovereignty of the United States and the authority of the government of the Philippine Islands is of such character and extent as requires the United States to prosecute its rights by military force, and therefore creates the condition of war in said archipelago.

It being impossible to reimburse Lieutenant Stickle under the provisions of said act, I have the honor to request that you include said claim in your recommendations to Congress respecting the general deficiency bill.

Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT,
Secretary of War.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANS., *December 13, 1901.*

GENERAL: I have the honor to forward herewith a list of my property, which was lost while under shipment by the Quartermaster's Department from West Point, N. Y., to Manila, P. I., where I was ordered after graduation, February 15, 1899. I also forward papers giving the information which has been obtained from officers of the Quartermaster's Department as to the disposition of said property, and papers showing the result of my action in requesting reimbursement for the loss in letter dated January 4, 1900. The loss of the books, which include most of those used at West Point, is especially burdensome, as many of these are needed for daily reference in professional work. It would seem unjust that I be required to again purchase these books, which are for professional use only, when they were lost through no fault of mine. I therefore request that all books possible in the list be furnished by the War Department, and that if practicable the claim for the loss of other personal property and of such books as may not be replaced otherwise be submitted to the action of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

HORTON W. STICKLE,
First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers.

Gen. GEORGE L. GILLESPIE,
Chief of Engineers, U. S. A., Washington, D. C.

(Four inclosures.)

[First indorsement.]

OFFICE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, U. S. A.,
December 20, 1901.

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of War.

1. The books and bedding referred to herein, and enumerated on inclosure 1 accompanying, were the private property of Lieut. H. W. Stickle, Corps of Engineers, and were shipped from West Point, N. Y., via San Francisco, Cal., to him at Manila, P. I., through the Quartermaster's Department, and were lost en route, as appears from the correspondence herewith.

2. Many of the books were technical works; were needed by the officer for reference in his professional work, and their loss or destruction was without fault or negligence on the part of the claimant.

3. I recommend that Congress be requested to include in the next general deficiency bill a provision for reimbursement to Lieutenant Stickle for the value of the lost property, \$125.34. An estimate of that amount, duly prepared, is submitted herewith.

G. L. GILLESPIE,
Brigadier-General, Chief of Engineers, U. S. A.

List of books and effects shipped from West Point to Lieut. H. W. Stickle, Corps of Engineers, at Manila, P. I., but lost en route, with cost of each.

Bourdon	\$1.42	Mechanics	\$3.18
Rhetoric .....	.87	Wave Motion	4.20
How to Write .....	.40	Geology	2.81
English Language	1.15	Physiology .....	.88
Synonyms	1.74	Electricity	1.23
Thesaurus	1.28	Record book .....	.47
Record book .....	.55	Engineering, Civil	3.20
Logarithm Tables	1.63	Engineering note .....	.10
Davies's Legendre	1.44	Law, Davis	2.00
Church's Geometry	1.58	Fisher's History	1.35
Davies's Surveying	1.58	Manual of Constitution	1.05
Ketell's Grammar	1.29	Ordnance and Gunnery	4.75
Trigonometry	1.63	Stone Cutting	1.20
Castarede Verbs .....	.52	Law, Davis, International	1.42
De Peiffer's Pronunciation .....	.54	Tactics, Wagner's	2.70
College Plays, vol. 2, Bocher .....	.95	Ballistics	1.22
Reader, vol. 1, Roemer's	1.25	Military Law	5.55
Lundeen Geometry .....	.20	Attack	1.60
Descriptive Geometry and plates	2.38	Security and Information	1.50
Borel's Grammar	1.23	Burlaps .....	.50
Hennequin's French .....	.77	Box	2.50
Roemer's Reader, vol. 2 .....	.99	(1) Goethe	3.00
Revue Militaire	1.77	(2) Hymn book	3.00
Topographical book	3.96	(3) Olendorf's Spanish, 2 books	5.00
Record book .....	.47	(4) Descriptive Geometry	2.00
Determinants	1.19	Comfortable	2.10
Calculus, Church	1.54	Pair blankets	4.58
Calculus, Bass	3.17	Mattress	8.19
Edgren Grammar	1.05	Pillow	2.41
Ecode Madrid	1.05	(5) Packing	1.00
Least Squares	1.19	Astronomy, M. & H.	2.39
Howitzer	1.25	Spiers's Dictionary	3.58
Astronomy, Young	1.44		
Heat, Tillman	1.21	Total	125.34

The above list is a correct one, and the price opposite each item taken from West Point account book, except those five numbered in parenthesis; of which (4) and (5) are known to be correct, while (1), (2), and (3) are estimated.

HORTON W. STICKLE,
*Second Lieutenant, Corps Engineers,
Quartermaster Battalion Engineers, Eighth Army Corps.*

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY A, BATTALION OF ENGINEERS,
Manila, P. I., January 4, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith (inclosure No. 1) a list of books and personal effects shipped by the Quartermaster's Department from West Point to Manila.

Inclosure No. 2 gives information as to their shipment from San Francisco, Cal., and shows they were not discharged in Manila, and indicates their probable loss.

I request reimbursement for this loss, amounting to \$125.34, and that this communication be forwarded to the proper authorities.

Very respectfully,

HORTON W. STICKLE,
Second Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.,
Quartermaster Battalion Engineers, Eighth Army Corps.

The ADJUTANT-GENERAL DEPARTMENT PACIFIC AND EIGHTH ARMY CORPS.

[First indorsement.]

HDQBS. DEPARTMENT OF THE PACIFIC AND EIGHTH ARMY CORPS,
Manila, January 26, 1900.

To chief quartermaster.

[Second indorsement.]

HDQRS. DEPARTMENT OF THE PACIFIC AND EIGHTH ARMY CORPS,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,
Manila, P. I., January 28, 1900.

Respectfully returned to the adjutant-general of the department. An act of Congress approved March 3, 1895, published in General Orders, No. 31, Adjutant-General's Office, March 19, 1895, applies to this case, and by this act this officer is debarred from payment for loss of the within property during time of war.

C. P. MILLER,
Major and Quartermaster, U. S. A., Chief Quartermaster.

[Third indorsement.]

HDQRS. DEPARTMENT OF THE PACIFIC AND EIGHTH ARMY CORPS,
Manila, P. I., January 31, 1900.

Respectfully returned, through the commanding officer battalion of engineers, to Second Lieut. Horton W. Stickle, Corps of Engineers, inviting attention to second indorsement.

By command of Major-General Otis:

THOMAS H. BARRY,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

MANILA, P. I., July 17, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a copy of a communication from the office of the quartermaster and disbursing officer, West Point, N. Y., dated March 20, 1899. The books and bedding mentioned therein have not been received at Manila, and I request that you give the matter your attention with a view to locating the property, and shipping the same to Manila, P. I.

Very respectfully,

HORTON W. STICKLE,
Second Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.

DEPOT QUARTERMASTER, U. S. A., San Francisco, Cal.

[First indorsement.]

DEPOT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 29, 1899.

Respectfully returned to Lieut. H. W. Stickle, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., Manila, P. I., with information that the shipment herein referred to was received at this depot May 7 and was forwarded per transport *Centennial* May 10, 1899.

N. P. BATCHELDER,
Captain and Assistant Quartermaster, U. S. Volunteers.

[Second indorsement.]

MANILA, P. I., December 18, 1899.

Respectfully forwarded to the depot quartermaster, Manila, P. I., with request for information as to the arrival here of the shipment in question and as to its disposition.

HORTON W. STICKLE,
Second Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.

[First indorsement.]

OFFICE OF DEPOT QUARTERMASTER,
Manila, P. I., December 22, 1899.

Respectfully returned to Lieut. H. W. Stickle, Corps of Engineers, Manila, P. I.
The *Centennial* manifest calls for one box books and one bundle bedding for Lieut. H. W. Stickle, Corps of Engineers. As the stores, however, were not discharged with other cargo they may have been thrown overboard, with other stores, while this transport was aground on the northern end of Luzon Island.

CHAS. C. WALCUTT, Jr.,
Major, Forty-fourth U. S. Volunteer Infantry,
Assistant to the Depot Quartermaster.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER AND DISBURSING OFFICER,
West Point, N. Y., March 20, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 13th instant, and in reply to state that your books and bedding have, this day, been shipped to the depot quartermaster, U. S. A., Chicago, Ill., for reshipment to depot quartermaster, San Francisco, Cal., who will reship the property to Manila, P. I.

Very respectfully,

MALVERN-HILL BARNUM,
First Lieutenant, Tenth U. S. Cavalry, in Charge of Office.

Lieut. HORTON W. STICKLE,
Corps of Engineers, Manila, Philippine Islands.

A true copy:

HORTON W. STICKLE,
Second Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.

Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902,
by the Chief of Engineers, U. S. A.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Reimbursement for lost property—

To reimburse Lieut. Horton W. Stickle, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for the value of private property lost or destroyed while in transit from West Point, N. Y., to Manila, P. I., in the year 1899 (submitted). \$125.34

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